Traffic on Delhi Metro's Line-III

1908. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Metro's Line-III Barakhamba Road-Dwarka is drawing heavy traffic during peak hours to the level of suffocation;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to improve these services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof *vis-a-vis* the present arrangement and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Barakhamba Road to Dwarka (Line III) was opened for commercial services on 31.12.2005. Presently, train services with a time interval of 5 minutes are being provided during peak hours, which adequately, cater to the present pattern of traffic flow during these hours. However, a close watch on traffic density is being kept to augment the train services in case traffic flow so demands.

Development of practically relevant master plan

†1909. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently made a suggestion to the States that more practical master plan be drawn up by them with a set time-frame for development in their States in the next 20 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the States thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. Preparation of Master Plan/Development Plan is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Jhuggies and encroachments in Gole Market

1910. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of jhuggi and encroachments have come up on Government colonies particularly DIZ area Gole Market;

(b) whether Government propose to remove the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per existing policy, jhuggi dwellers are to be paid compensation and relocated by the MCD Slum Wing. An estimate amounting to Rs. 157.25 lakhs was sanctioned in 2004-05 to relocate jhuggies existing in DIZ area. This amount will be paid by CPWD to the MCD after MCD confirms availability of land for relocation of the jhuggies.

Gyms in DDA colonies

1911. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has decided to do away with the idea of providing gyms in colonies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the useful purpose that would be served by such a decision; and

(d) whether it is not the social responsibility of Government to provide infrastructure conducive to healthy society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Delhi Development